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### FAIRLAND ITEMS

Farmers are very much behind with their work.

The wheat is very much damaged by the excessive rains.

Sam Nidifer Sr., living north of town has over one hundred young males 2 and 3 year olds.

Ab Hartan and J. R. Copeland of Denmark were in town Saturday.

P. L. Walker of Ogeechee, was in town Saturday.

C. G. James and family were over from Miami Saturday.

S. W. Bond was one of the Vinita crowd who took in the picnic.

One of the attractions at Fairland Saturday was a ball game between the "Wyanotte" kids and a local nine of boys who style themselves "The Clog-hoppers."

Fairland threw her gates wide open Saturday to entertain the visiting L. O. O. F.'s who attended the Anniversary meeting of that order. Sam F. Campbell in behalf of the town welcomed the visitors in a short but well timed address. G. W. Mobray of Tulsa the Grand master of that order was the principal speaker of the day. Splendid music was furnished by the Afton Cornet band. An excellent dinner spread for everybody was the leading feature and nothing occurred to mar the pleasures and everybody went away well pleased with Fairland and the day's exercise.

A large crowd from Welch, Bluejacket, Miami, Grove and other surrounding towns were present.

H. F. Hukill and wife of Afton attended the Anniversary meeting Saturday.

Many of our townspeople are "courting" in Miami this week.

E. M. Conner and L. D. Long are making an extensive tour of Old Mexico.

Rev. Hearne of Grove preached the Baccalaureate sermon at the Fairland High school last Sunday.

The Fairland school will close next Friday. Graduating exercises will be held Saturday evening. The school closes a very successful term and much praise is being bestowed upon Prof. Prior and his excellent corps of teachers for their untiring efforts in making the school a success.

The outlook for a fine yield of strawberries is fine and if nothing yet intervenes quite a shipment of berries will be made from this point this season.

### WEST POINT

West Point pupils are busy on examination this week.

School closes here the 26th.

Pauline Goodman will take her school picnicing on Cabin creek the last day of school.

Among those who attended the ball at Welch the 23rd were Misses Ella Mitchell, Nannie Bishop, Pauline Goodman, Mrs. Claude Mitchell, Jno. Bishop and Oliver Pyle.

Oliver Tyler marketed hogs in Welch Monday.

Several from Vinita attended the Pie supper here the 25th.

Floyd Morney and Chas Glenn were business callers in Vinita Friday.

Lewis Rogers and wife of Vinita spent Sunday at the Tyler home.

A friend of Miss Bishop from Claremore was visiting her last week.

Savio Mitchell returned from Collingsville Monday.

Nora Holt arrived last week from New Mexico, to visit her parents, D. C. Roper and wife.

There was no church Sunday on account of rain.

The pie supper at the school house the 25th was well attended in spite of the rain. The program was not as well as was expected on account of so many of the pupils being absent and only part of the Orchestra was able to get there. The proceeds amounted to \$8.00.

### PAYNE SCHOOL HOUSE

Mrs. A. L. McCannish of Vinita is visiting her sister Mrs. H. L. Payne and Mrs. Wm. Stokes.

W. H. Harris was a Bluejacket caller Saturday.

Bob Doares and niece Miss Neillie called on Miss Leah Williams last Sunday just for a drive all the neighbors think.

O. A. Odell made a business trip to Centralia last week. He reports everything going on in that part.

The M. K. & T. has utterly demolished the incorporated (ait) city of Jones Spur, the last remnant consisting of three box cars was pulled away one day last week.

W. H. Doares was in Bluejacket Saturday evening.

The young people enjoyed a nice dance at Mr. Bicknell's house Saturday evening.

### ECHO ITEMS

Do not let malice cause you to prosecute your neighbor for some trivial offense.

John Deal is visiting relatives at Mo.

Fifty dollars reward is offered for the body of Ed West who was drowned in Grand River about April 12.

There was a social at Jim Coopers last Friday night. Quite a gathering and all reported a good time, though girls scarce.

Ghosts' have been found near Jim's house. Don't let him catch you any more boys.

Let us organize a telephone company for our own benefit among the neighbors, the cost will be but little.

We must start some social entertainments at Ballard school house and let the people know we are alive. Who will help boost?

Gosh but that mud hole in the road a mile west of Echo is getting worse.

Trade is increasing at Echo in spite of high water and bad roads. "Keep a pushing."

G. E. Brankham went to the ferr at One Bangs last Wed. to splice a wire cable. Mr. Brankham is the only man in North Okla. that can splice wire cables that pullers run over smoothly.

Now when you can't plow, pull weeds when you can't see. "Keep a pushing."

School closes at Hickory Grove and Ballard this week. Each school has been a success the last term.

Mrs. Maynard of Miami is visiting her son Bert Maynard.

Three well known parties passed Echo Monday with black eyes. Be careful but "Keep a pushing."

School closes at Payne next Friday. Miss Jessie Ashby has taught a successful term and the patrons would like very much to see her back again.

Logan Moore says this high water works an inconvenience for him on Sunday especially West Cabin. Wonder why Logan looks westward.

Some young fellow passed his compliments in the shape of a chunk of coal through a window pane to the preacher Friday night.

Jim Johnstone and Perry Wilson are doing some fencing for Mr. Tilley of Bluejacket, on the hill north of the spur.

### WELCH ITEMS

A big dance was pulled off in the opera house last Thursday evening at which many young folks were present from Vinita, West Point, Checotah and other nearby points.

A good time was had by everybody. Music was furnished by part of the Vinita orchestra and was the best ever played in the house on a similar occasion. The next affair of this kind will occur on Thursday, May 14. Good music and good order always maintained.

The Mutual Telephone Association of Welch and surrounding country held a mass meeting in the city hall and completed arrangements toward inaugurating a Mutual line. Work will be commenced on this line in Welch and the establishment of a central arranged for as soon as poles and material can be brought in. Six farmers' lines are almost ready to begin operations also, to attach to the Welch central as soon as it is completed.

Rev. Edgar L. Young returned last week from New Mexico, where he has located a claim. Mrs. Young and children will live on the claim until he has finished his pastorate here, after which he will locate in New Mexico permanently.

The school commencement exercises held in the opera house Saturday night were highly successful. Ten eighth grade and five ninth grade pupils took part.

Train No. 7 from Welch to Vinita will hereafter be known as the "Dispensary Special," and will be great for the large numbers of sick and afflicted who will take advantage of the fact that a "snort of medicine" will cure their ills, imaginary and otherwise, and can be procured only in the "Dispensary City."

The Cherokee ball team was organized in Welch last week and will show the clubs in the county around us how to play ball. Arrange dates with Joe Campbell, manager.

D. B. Smith and H. B. Campbell spent Friday and Sat. in Kansas City, on business.

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### PRYOR GREEK ITEMS

The new addition to the depot will soon be completed.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Kendrix entertained friends Easter.

Dewitt Hampton and Earl Kendrix visited in Parsons recently.

Mrs. Hastin spent Sunday evening with Mrs. E. W. Tigar.

A good crowd of farmers were in town Saturday, and despite the recent rain, many predict a good crop year.

And still it rains.

Farmers are looking blue in this vicinity over having so much rain.

L. N. Kendrix went to the city on business Saturday.

District court here adjourned Sat. the eighteenth. Many cases were disposed of.

Easter was properly observed by all the churches.

A rural telephone is being talked of here, a good thing push it along.

### Senate Favorable.

The Senate Indian committee Tuesday reported, with a few amendments, the house bill removing restrictions on the sale of land in Oklahoma, once owned by the Five Civilized Tribes. The passage of the act through the Senate is assured.

### Assessors Meet.

The township assessors and trustees met at the county clerk's office Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of making a uniform schedule of taxable property preparatory to beginning the assessment of property in their respective townships at an early date.

The most of them will begin work Monday. The work is new to them all and they are working to get the matter thoroughly in hands before beginning work.

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### TULSA TRAIN REACHES CHICAGO.

Oklahoma Representatives Pay Visit to Points of Interest.

Chicago, Ill.—With a special train of five cars a party of 123 representative citizens and a military band of twenty-three pieces, the Tulsa, Ok., "boozers" reached Chicago this morning and brought to the Great Northern Hotel, State street, the stock yards and other metropolitan points a breezy touch of Southwestern vigor.

Tulsa is pleased to call itself the Chicago of the southwest. That is the reason that Chicago has been saved practically till the last trip in which he included all the large cities of the eastern and middle states.

Edmund Dalton a man whose name years ago was synonymous with bloody battles in frontier towns and conjures up images of the "Dalton gang," so called, came with the Tulsa delegation of business men, respected and honored by them as a fellow citizen. Dalton was the most inconspicuous member of the party. Although Dalton is not seeking notoriety himself his friends bubble over with anecdotes tending to his natural magnanimity.

### Oklahoma Track Meet.

Norman, Ok.—In the annual local track meet of Oklahoma University held here two Oklahoma State records were broken. Artis Reeds, captain of the sooner team, clearing the bar in the high jump at 5 feet 8 inches and Ratcliff raising the pole vault record to 10 feet 8 inches. Ratcliff won the all-round championship, leading four firsts. Reeds and Ratcliff will be the sooner's mainstays in the southwestern meet to be held at Austin May 5.

### BUILD ELEVATOR AT HOOKER.

Work Begins on Structure With 25,000 Bushels Capacity.

Hooker, Ok.—Work commenced this week on the new elevator for the Liberal Elevator Company. The location is just opposite the water tank between Swan street and Broadway. The main building is to be 35x23 feet and the capacity 25,000 bushels. The cellar is being excavated and it is to be twenty feet deep and walled in with concrete.

This is one of the string of elevators that the company is building located as follows: Liberal, Tryon, Hooker, Optima and Guymon.

### LIGHTNING STRIKES GIRL DUMB.

Seventeen-Year-Old Miss at King Reher Speechless Three Hours.

Kingfisher, Ok.—Stunned and shocked by a stroke of lightning during an electrical display Friday, Miss Martha Johnson, 17 years old, residing ten miles southwest of here, was rendered speechless for three hours. She was conscious during the time, and except for the loss of speech and the spell to her nervous system was unharmed.

### GENERAL NEWS NOTES

#### A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Thursday afternoon a tornado destroyed the eastern portion of Deport, Texas, a town 20 miles east of Paris, killing W. H. Isbell and a druggist, and wounding several others.

Governor Hughes has filed with the secretary of state a proclamation convening the legislature of New York in extraordinary session on Monday, May 11. The proclamation does not specify any subject which the governor will recommend for consideration at the extra session.

George McLaughlin, a saloon-keeper of Cleveland, Ohio, shot and fatally wounded his wife who died a few hours later at a hospital. The tragedy was the culmination of two years of domestic strife in the McLaughlin home. When arrested McLaughlin begged the officers to shoot him.

Four men were killed, three seriously injured and 100 others had a narrow escape from death when an explosion occurred in Mine No. 1 of the Ellsworth Collieries Company, at Ellsworth, Pa., Washington county. The dead are foreigners. Their bodies were mangled and badly burned.

Two million, five hundred thousand people in Illinois, now living in prohibition districts would have been put back in saloon territory but for the decision of the supreme court in the McBride case, declaring constitutional the new local option law as passed last year.

The Ohio senate has passed a bill prohibiting secret societies among pupils of high schools. The law provides expulsion for violation of the law shall continue only so long as the pupils continue to violate it.

Chas. Barnes, state insurance commissioner of Kansas, has held that death from swallowing a toothpick entitles the heirs of an accident insurance policy to the insurance. H. S. Myers, of Arkansas City, swallowed a toothpick, it lacerated his throat and blood poisoning set up, causing his death.

John T. Dooling, president of the board of elections of New York City, testified in the proceedings brought to oust Mayor McClellan from the office of mayor, that he found in a soft ballot of the last mayoral election thirty ballot boxes, none of which appeared to have been sealed. He declared that he saw ballots stuck and unused ballots scattered about the floor. Many of them were marked in either the republican or democratic column, but a few of those so found were Independence League ballots.

Mrs. George W. Stipp, of Wellington, Kan., was the first soldier's widow to be pensioned under the widow's pension bill. Congressman Murdoch received word to this effect from the pension bureau. She gets \$12 a month, the amount all widows will receive after this.

Through efforts of Dr. W. T. Vernon, register of the treasury, the war department has been induced to send about 100 rifles and accessories to the Quindaro negro university in Kansas. Dr. Vernon is chancellor of that institution, but is not an indefinite leave of absence to fill the federal job at Washington. He hopes to build up a military branch at his school and the war department will aid him.

An unsuccessful attempt to hold up the north coast limited train, west bound, the overland flyer on the Northern Pacific, was made at a point between Welch's spur and Homestake, Montana, 15 miles east of Butte, the scene of the recent hold-up in which Engineer Frank Claw was murdered. Explosives brought the train to a full stop, but when the time for action came the nerve of the bandits failed.

Mrs. Polly Morgan, a negro who was freed from slavery when she was 62 years old, died at St. Louis last week at the age of 107 years. Mrs. Morgan was born in 1801 on the plantation of Thomas Cox near what is now Decatur, Tex. She also lived with the Cox family when the children of her first owners moved to Macon, Tenn.

The president has signed the bill providing for reorganization of the medical department of the arm so as to provide for a medical corps and a medical reserve corps.

Based on information which he has been gathering for the last six months, James Bingham, attorney general of Indiana, will, in the next ten days file suits against all brewing companies in the state, which have, as will be alleged,